

Weekly Update

Maternal Infant Health Program



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Quality Corner: Changes in Cycle 8

This is the third in a series of articles describing the changes that have been made to Cycle 8 Certification.

The number of Cycle 8 pre-review documents that agencies are required to submit is much smaller than in Cycle 7, because most protocols have already been approved. The exception to this is if an agency has not had protocols approved or if there is a revision requested to an approved protocol. Cycle 8 has no indicator or citation for protocols not meeting requirements.

Submission of Cycle 8 pre-review documents via email are due 1-2 weeks before the review. The exact date is included in the scheduling letter.

Required pre-review documents include:

- Current MIHP *Personnel Roster* [MDHHS – 5629] (**indicator 1.1**)
- Protocols – if revised or not approved
- Personnel Files (**indicator 1.2**)
 - License number, registrations and certifications for all home visitors who conducted professional visits since program start-up or the last review.
 - Resumé reflecting required experience for all home visitors hired since program start-up or the last review.
- Staff Training (**indicators 1.3 and 1.4**)
 - Course completion certificates for all staff on personnel roster:
 - “Introduction to Health Equity”
 - “Systemic Racism”
 - Course completion certificate for staff hired since program start-up or previous review:
 - “Overview of Maternal Infant Health Program” training course
 - *Signed Notice of New Professional Staff Training Completion* form [MDHHS-5766] for staff hired since program start-up or since previous review.
 - *Notice of Staff Waiver Completion* form [MDHHS-5766] and *Professional Staff Waiver Training Matrix* form [MDHHS – 5715] for all waiver staff approved since program start-up or previous review.
 - Attendance certificates for coordinator or designee for all required trainings since the previous review
- Written verification of backup staffing agreement with entity identified in approved protocol (**indicator 4.2**)
- Evidence of involvement with Great Start Collaborative in each county in service area for the previous two quarters. (**indicator 4.3**)
- Contracts and letters of agreement with other agencies for billable MIHP services, if applicable. (**Indicator 4.3**)

The information sent pre-review is assessed and results are entered into the review tool before it is sent to the reviewer assigned to your agency. Any information needing clarification will be discussed with MIHP consultant Chelsea Low-Darling at the pre-review practice meeting held a few days before the certification review.

At the beginning of the certification review, the reviewer will go through the agenda and expectations during the actual review. The first 30-45 minutes of the review will discuss the remaining information needed to complete Sections 0-4. When all information needed for these sections is complete, the reviewer will spend the remainder of the time reviewing charts. Depending on the type of medical record system an agency has (paper charts or EMR), the reviewer may need the coordinator to be present at all times during the review, or only occasionally.

General Cycle 8 changes for this portion of the review:

- There is no billing chart review.
- There is no staff interview and the coordinator interview focuses on items needed to complete sections 0-4.
- No assessment of protocols unless not pre-approved or if there are revisions.

Next week: We will continue to discuss changes with indicators in section 5 and 6.

MI Bridges Partner Survey

Since the launch of the MI Bridges referral partner program in December, many MIHP agencies have received referrals through the system. In order to determine the effectiveness of the program, the MI Bridges team is asking agencies that have signed up for the program to complete a very brief survey. The survey will ask about experiences—including successes and challenges—and will provide an opportunity to offer suggestions for improving the process.

Click [HERE](#) to start the survey, which will remain open through **February 26th**. Please submit only one survey per agency.

If you haven't joined as a referral partner, we encourage you to do so. The attached flyer will provide information on signing up.

[MI Bridges flyer](#)

Celebrating Black History Month: News Moms Need!

News Moms Need! is a feature (blog) on the March of Dimes website that give moms the information they need to help them have healthy pregnancies. The team blogs cover topics on pre-pregnancy and prenatal care, pregnancy complications, and premature birth. This month, a feature shared on the March of Dimes website talks about the lived experience of black women in the United States and how it can be seen in the form of disparities in access to medical services and care. The article touches on some historical health injustices black women have faced and continue to face. It gives more context for the continuous need of confidence building and systemic change in our healthcare practices.

You can view the feature along with other resources from the March of Dimes via the following link: [Maternal health and Black History Month – News Moms Need \(marchofdimes.org\)](https://www.marchofdimes.org/maternal-health-and-black-history-month-news-moms-need).



Mark Your Calendar: March Community of Practice Webinar

The Community of Practice (COP) webinar for March 17th will be focused on Birth Planning During the COVID-19 pandemic. The purpose is to discuss preparing for birth in the context of the changing COVID-19 restrictions and the connection to the *Pregnancy Health Plan of Care, Part Two*. Within the presentation we hope to include experiences from across the state to increase our shared knowledge and awareness of the impact of COVID-19 on the birth experience of families in Michigan.

If you are interested in sharing during the upcoming COP webinar, please contact Joni Detwiler detwilerj@michigan.gov.

COVID-19 Vaccine Resources

Please share the following MDHHS resources with your families and community colleagues:

Town Hall with Minority Communities – February 25th from 4:00pm – 5:00pm

The State of Michigan is hosting a series of virtual town halls about the COVID-19 vaccine through Facebook Live on the [MDHHS Facebook page](#). Residents will have the opportunity to hear about the safety, efficacy, and importance of the COVID-19 vaccine for safely opening Michigan. The next town hall will focus on communities of color and will feature Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist and Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, Chief Medical Executive at MDHHS.

For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).

Help with Signing up for Vaccine Appointments

The Governor's office issued a press release on February 12th to lay out the state's strategy to ensure that everybody can sign up to get the vaccine when it is available to them. Some highlights in the press release:

- Residents who don't have access to the internet or who struggle to use a computer can call the COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136, which is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- For residents that do not have reliable internet access, they can call [2-1-1](#) for help with scheduling at vaccination clinics.
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Click [HERE](#) to see the full press release, and click [HERE](#) to learn about vaccine scheduling.

Michigan's Vaccine Strategy

Goals:

- 70% of Michiganders age 16 and up are vaccinated as soon as possible
- 90% of dosages received are administered within 7 days of arrival
- 95% of people get their second dose of vaccine within the expected time frame
- There is no disparity in vaccination rates across racial and ethnic groups or by social vulnerability index
- No Michigander should have to drive more than 20 minutes to reach a vaccination site

Click [HERE](#) to see the full strategy document.

Think Babies Michigan Launch

To help raise infants and toddlers as priorities for state lawmakers, the P3 Collaborative is excited to announce the transition to Think Babies Michigan! Think Babies Michigan is partnering with the national Think Babies™ effort, created by ZERO TO THREE to bring attention to what babies and their families need to thrive. Think Babies™ and Think Babies Michigan is a call to action for policymakers to prioritize the needs of infants, toddlers, and their families and invest in our future. We are advocating for the issues that ensure all babies have good health, strong families, and positive early learning experiences. [View the video](#) from the launch event last week to learn more!

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Learn more about the Think Babies Michigan Initiative by visiting: www.ecic4kids.org/policy-thinkbabies. For more information, please contact Alicia Guevara Warren, director of statewide policy initiatives at the Early Childhood Investment Corporation (ECIC) at agwarren@ecic4kids.org.

Call for Proposals: Michigan Premier Public Health Conference



The Michigan Association for Local Public Health (MALPH) announces the Michigan Premier Public Health Conference (MPPHC). The conference will be at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan on October 27th & 28th with preconference activities on Tuesday, October 26th. This year's theme is "**Beyond the Pandemic, Innovative Public Health Leadership: Thriving in Times of Crisis.**"

The conference planning committee has issued a call for presentations and posters. The committee is looking for **all aspects of public health** including (but not limited to): clinical, vector, food safety, animal/veterinarian, environmental (water and air), preparedness, healthy communities, governance, social justice, administrative, technology, healthy aging, human trafficking, and health in all policies and would like a portion of each presentation to demonstrate the how COVID-19 affected these areas.

The deadline for the Request for Proposal is **Friday, March 26th**. Materials, information, and updates can be found on the MALPH website [here](#).

Coordinator Directory

To view the most recent Coordinator Directory, please click [here](#).

Topic Submission

If you have suggestions for topics to be addressed in future additions of the MIHP Weekly Update, please submit your ideas [here](#).

Previously Released MIHP Weekly Updates

To review any previously released MIHP Weekly Updates, they can be found by visiting the MIHP webpage Michigan.gov/MIHP or by clicking [here](#).

Our communication for the Maternal Infant Health Program has been streamlined to a single email address and phone number. Please forward all email to MIHP@michigan.gov. For further assistance, contact the state office @ **1-833-MI4-MIHP (1-833-644-6447)**. Thank you.